

21. (New) The process according to claim 19, wherein the vacuum section comprises at least two gas and liquid contact chambers, and supplying the liquid containing the polymerization inhibitor to the first and the second gas and liquid contact chambers.

22. (New) The process according to claim 19, wherein the gas and liquid contact chamber is a surface condenser, and further comprising wetting the inside surface of the condenser uniformly with the liquid.

23. (New) The process according to claim 19, wherein the gas and liquid chamber is a barometric condenser, and the liquid serves to cool the barometric condenser.

AB 24. (New) The process according to claim 19, wherein the vacuum section comprises a liquid ejector for reducing a pressure of the purifying section.

25. (New) The process according to claim 19, wherein the vacuum section comprises a nash pump for reducing a pressure of the purifying section.

26. (New) The process according to claim 19, wherein the vacuum section comprises a liquid ejector and a nash pump for reducing a pressure of the purifying section. 7.4 3

27. (New) The process according to claim 19, wherein the easily polymerizable compound is (meth)acrylic acid and/or (meth)acrylate.

28. (New) The process according to claim 19, wherein the polymerization inhibitor is at least one selected from the group consisting of hydroquinone, methoquinone, manganese acetate, phenothiazine, nitrosophenol, cupferron, dibutyl dithio carbamic acid copper salt and N-oxyl compounds. too broad